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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 17, 2008, the time for responding having been extended by petition, and in connection with the Request for Continuing Examination filed on this date, please consider the following:

The Claims are listed beginning on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this document.